

## FINANCIAL HOUSES TO FILL STOCKINGS

Wall Street Institutions Will  
Distribute Millions Among  
Their Employees.

### MOST TO RECEIVE BONUS ON SALARY

J. P. Morgan Workers Will Be  
Given at Least Half of  
Year's Pay.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Santa Claus will be mighty good this year to the employees of the greater corporations, banking houses, and financial institutions of New York. It is estimated that several millions of dollars will be distributed in Christmas gifts in Wall Street this year.

The United States Steel Corporation heads the list of Christmas givers with a \$2,000,000 gift. Of this \$1,200,000 in cash was sent out yesterday to be given to its employees. The remaining \$800,000 is to be given in preferred stock of the corporation, but the title to that stock will not pass into the name of the recipient until he has served three years more continuous service with the corporation.

Half of Salary.  
The Central Trust Company, which has announced that it has the largest surplus of any trust company in the city, and which will soon cut a huge melon for its stockholders, gave to each of its employees a Christmas present which totaled 50 per cent of the employee's salary.

The members of the New York Stock Exchange have raised \$1,000 to be distributed among its employees; the Consolidated Exchange \$2,000, and the Curb brokers about \$1,000.

The sales of stock on the stock exchange number 20,000,000 shares more than last year, meaning a net increase in commissions of \$2,000,000. It is reported, is to be given to employees for faithful service.

Railroads Prosperous.  
The larger railroads, too, have been prospering and their directors, it is reported, have voted round sums to workers for efficient and faithful service.

Standard Oil will not make any Christmas presents. It formerly gave weekly bonuses, amounting from \$10 to \$1,000, but at the request of its employees, changed this to a yearly increase in salary, which is always announced on the first of the year.

Bigger brokerage firms give either a month's salary or 10 per cent of the yearly salary in "off years." As this has been an especially prosperous year, it is believed they will all increase this amount.

J. P. Morgan & Co. have in the past given workers 50 per cent of their annual salary on Christmas, but it is said this sum is to be increased this year.

The employees of the Rock Island railroad office will get 10 per cent of their salaries.

### CAREER OF TRAGEDY FOR YOUNG WOMAN

Italian Wife Is Sent to Reformatory  
On Manslaughter  
Charge.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Charged with the murder of Dominick Versalvi, who was thought to have killed her husband Bruno, Louisa Levatite, a twenty-five-year-old Italian woman, has pleaded guilty to a charge of manslaughter. She was today sent to the Bedford reformatory for a three months' term.

Shortly before her husband was murdered Mrs. Levatite received word from the Messina earthquake district that six brothers and a sister had lost their lives in that disaster. The following day, one of the woman's four children died. Four days after the husband's death a second child died, and while the little woman was awaiting trial in the tomb her two remaining children lost their lives.

### FUNERAL OF ENGINEER.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The funeral of Hugh Canning, the sixty-four-year-old steam engineer in the Navy Department, will be held tomorrow. Canning stepped overboard from the gangplank of the ship Hancock. Three sailors plunged into the water to rescue him.

### My Advice on Your Teeth SAVES MONEY AND SAVES PAIN

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## Writes of Cleveland



GEORGE F. PARKER.

SOME years ago George F. Parker became the recognized historian of Grover Cleveland. He has been very close to the President for many years, and has contributed many articles to magazines explaining and defending his policies.

Mr. Parker's first work was a life of Mr. Cleveland. This was followed by "Writings and Speeches of Grover Cleveland," and now Mr. Parker has written a very interesting book, "Reminiscences of Grover Cleveland," which is published by the Century Company.

What will be of the greatest interest to contemporary readers is the quotation of Mr. Cleveland's opinion of men who are still in active public life. Like James P. Hill, George Gray, and J. Pierpont Morgan, Mr. Parker kept a record of things said by Mr. Cleveland concerning these men. He quotes Mr. Cleveland with clear-sighted, far-seeing patriotism, and Mr. Hill with far-sight into industrial conditions.

### POLICE TO PROBE FIRE IN THEATER

Investigation to Be Made of Burning to Death of Moving Picture Operator.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 24.—The authorities today began an investigation of the fire in a moving picture show which resulted in the death of one man and probably fatal injuries to another and one woman. It is thought probable that the result will be the closing down of many of the shows because of inadequate provisions against fire.

Joseph Estep, forty-one years old, the machine operator at the show, was virtually roasted alive in the small room which he occupied. The rush of Christmas shoppers who were attending made escape from the burning room impossible. His wife was dangerously burned and injured internally when she fought to rescue him. She is only eighteen years old. Samuel Craft, a ticket seller, who went to her assistance, was also badly burned and trampled. Three spectators were injured slightly.

### MONEY FOR STATUE BACK TO TREASURY

Appropriation for Jefferson Memorial Unavailable Through Lapse of Time.

Five years ago Congress determined to erect in Washington a statue to Thomas Jefferson, of revolutionary fame and the gospel of democracy.

It created a commission to select a site and procure plans, and it also appropriated \$50,000. In May, 1906, the commission stated that it had obtained the statue to Jefferson to execute designs. Before anything was done St. Gaudens died.

Secretary Knox applied to the Comptroller of the Treasury to know whether any part of the \$50,000 was still available for use.

Today the Comptroller says that it is not, and that the sum must be turned in to the general fund. That means that if Congress really wants to erect a statue to Jefferson it will have to reappropriate the money.

## YALE BOYS COMING IN FAMOUS COMEDY

"London Assurance" Written in the Forties Has  
Stood Test.

"London Assurance," which will be presented at the National Theater next Monday afternoon by the Yale Dramatic Club, is one of the most famous comedies ever produced in England. It was written by Dion Boucicault in the early forties, and has stood the test of time. Not for several years has it been produced in Washington, and the younger generation has a treat in store for it, while the older generation will be able to revive the memories of other days.

The Yale boys have been admirably drilled, and in the cast which will present "London Assurance" next Monday are a number of remarkably good actors. The play is very well staged, and is said to be the best production of the famous Yale club, which has many successes in New York and other Northern cities. Though this is the first time that it has ever come to Washington, the sale of tickets is now going on at the National Theater.

## BOOM IN SALE OF RED CROSS STAMPS FOLLOWS LIFTING OF BAN ABROAD

Many Letters With "Stickers" Sent to England and Germany.



An eleventh-hour boost to the sale of Red Cross stamps in the District has been given through the lifting of the ban against the little Christmas souvenirs by England and Germany. The latter country having just announced, through its ambassador, that mail matter would be accepted when Red Cross stamps are attached.

According to estimates at the District headquarters 500,000 stamps and 7,000 postal cards will be sold in Washington by tonight. The postoffice booth did a record-breaking business again yesterday.

Had it not been for the two weeks' discrimination on the part of England and Germany against all mail bearing the anti-heretic stamps of the Red Cross, it is said that the entire allotment of 500,000 stamps would have been sold in the District. It was only through repeated efforts on the part of those in charge of the campaign that the ban was lifted, that of England being declared off a week ago, and that of Germany yesterday.

An innovation that turned many a penny into Red Cross coffers was that seen at the postoffice. Two sales girls were dressed in the regular uniform of the Red Cross Society and

### CALLS CONDITIONS IN JAIL DISGRACEFUL

Warden McKee Emphasizes Needs  
Of District Penal Institution  
In Annual Report.

Conditions at the District jail again are the subject of adverse criticism. The Washington penal institution is said to be in a "generally disgraceful condition" in the annual report which Warden Thomas H. McKee has just rendered.

The report declares that the lighting at the jail is inefficient, it being necessary for the guards to use lanterns in the wing cell corridors. No sanitation is in the cells, continues the report, and the installation of up-to-date appliances throughout the building are asked. In a report of Dr. D. K. Shute, jail physician, which is appended, the need of plumbing and medical facilities is emphasized.

### CARTOONIST GOES TO ESCAPE ALIMONY

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The chance of Mrs. Homer C. Davenport collecting \$500 a month alimony from her artist husband, whom she is suing for a legal separation, was diminished by the announcement that Homer Davenport, the cartoonist, is liable to punishment for contempt.

When the case was called before Justice Dowling, in supreme court, the motion to have Davenport adjudged guilty of contempt was adjourned until December 31.

### DOG ATTACKS SHEEP.

PHOENIXVILLE, Pa., Dec. 24.—A dog entered the sheep-pen at the stock farm of Dr. William P. Snyder, the former auditor general, and played havoc among his fine flock of Southdown sheep, killing several and wounding others.

### PHYSICIANS PROBE FOR BULLET IN BRAIN

Girl Is Victim of an "Unloaded Gun" at Hagerstown.

HAGERSTOWN, Md., Dec. 24.—Physicians today are probing for a bullet from an "unloaded gun" which struck Mary Ressler in the forehead just two inches above the left eye.

Mrs. Ressler was shot yesterday by her nephew, Frank Ressler, the twelve-year-old son of Daniel Ressler, of Blue Ridge Summit. The boy was playing "Indians," and pointed the gun at his aunt. She warned him to stop, and hardly had spoken when he fell to the ground with a bullet in his brain. The boy is prostrated with grief.

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